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U.S. Application No. 10/574,588 (Q94096)**

required for Claims 1-5 and 11 (of Group I) would necessarily encompass examination and searching of the subject matter of Claims 6-10 and 12 (of Group II). For this reason, Applicants respectfully submit that the examination of Groups I and II do not constitute an undue burden. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that Restriction between Groups I and II is improper, and that the claims of Groups I and II should be examined together.

Furthermore, Applicants respectfully submit that the claims possess unity of invention, as being linked by a special technical feature not disclosed in the prior art. Specifically, Applicants point out that Toorongian and Hyodo *et al.*, cited to support a lack of unity of invention, do not disclose a process for producing a radioactive-fluorine-labeled compound or a production apparatus, as claimed. For this reason also, Applicants maintain that all of Claims 1-12 should be examined on the merits in the instant application.

Also, Applicants submit that the Examiner has not shown that it would be a burden to examine all of the species.

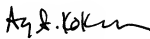
Applicant submits that if any of the elected claims are found to be allowable, claims dependent therefrom should similarly be considered allowable in the same application.

Further, Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 6-10 and 12.

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